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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. in executive session and was called to order by the Honorable LINCOLN CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, thank You for the exciting expectation that surges within us when we realize that You want to bless us with Your love, strength, and wisdom. It is Your way always to go beyond what You have done before. You do not measure Your generosity by our goodness or the eloquence of our prayers, but You give more grace as the challenges grow greater. All You require is that we desire a relationship with You, the Giver, as much as we desire the blessings You give. You guide the humble and teach them the way to go, how to decide on issues, and how to speak truth with love.

Lord, bless the Senators with Your maximizing power for the challenges, decisions, and responsibilities of this day. We join them in praying with the psalmist, "God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause Your face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth."—Psalm 67:1-2. May Your shining face be reflected in our faces, radiant with joy and confidence for the demands of today. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LINCOLN CHAFEE led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The senior assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LINCOLN CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CHAFEE thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will be in order.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

NOMINATION OF JOHN ROBERT BOLTON OF MARYLAND TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY—Resumed

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of John Robert Bolton of Maryland to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding the time until 10:15 is reserved for proponents and opponents of this nomination; is that true?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order three Senators each control 15 minutes.

Mr. REID. Senators DORGAN, BIDEN, and HELMS, is that right?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the time on the quorum call I will sug-

gest be divided equally among the three Senators.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, how much time am I allowed?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Twelve minutes.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, the Senate will vote this morning on the nomination by President Bush of Mr. John Bolton to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control.

This is a terrible nomination. I indicated yesterday that I don't know Mr. John Bolton. I have not met him. But I have read a great deal about what he said about a number of issues. To nominate Mr. John Bolton to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control defies logic.

Arms control is a very important subject. The question of whether this country is going to assume the responsibility to lead internationally in stopping the spread of nuclear weapons is a very important question.

Are we going to be a world leader in stopping the spread of nuclear weapons or not? Are we going to be a leader in trying to make this a safer world? Are we going to be a leader in trying to reduce the number of nuclear weapons that exist in this world?

The answer from the President, it seems to me, in sending this nomination to the Senate is no; we don't intend to lead on anything. We intend to do our own thing notwithstanding what

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